

# *Proclamation* *Presented*

## **In Recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges**

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i's system of community colleges was established in 1964, with the signing of an Executive Order by Governor John A. Burns on April 23; and

**WHEREAS**, the **University of Hawai'i Community Colleges System (UHCC)** has served as an affordable, open-door system of institutions providing quality higher education for Hawai'i's people; and

**WHEREAS**, the **UHCC** has grown to include Hawai'i Community College, Honolulu Community College, Kapi'olani Community College, Kaua'i Community College, Leeward Community College, UH Maui College, Windward Community College, three university centers, and six education centers on the islands of O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the **UHCC** provides educational services including degree and certification programs in more than 65 fields of study, three baccalaureate degree programs at Maui College, short-term training programs and customized training for business and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the **UHCC** enrolls more than 33,000 students of all ages and interests each year—comprising 57% of all undergraduate students and 68% of Native Hawaiian undergraduate students in the University of Hawai'i System; and

**WHEREAS**, the **UHCC** embraces its responsibility to support Hawai'i's indigenous population, language and culture, by developing new programs and services, which have resulted in record-setting enrollment and graduation rates of our Native Hawaiian student population; and


**WHEREAS**, the **UHCC** enhances Hawai'i's international reputation through a network of partnerships with 45 institutions around the world, and will continue to adapt to meet the diverse and changing needs of our society and fulfill a vital function within our system of higher education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2014, as

## **"UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating student, faculty, staff and community partners' excellence, with congratulations and commendations to the faculty and administration for their dedicated service.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of March, 2014.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i